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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT, FONMIN PUBLICLY ACCEPT SECRETARY'S
NON-ATTENDANCE AT QUITO MFM

1. IN HIS OCTOBER 17 PRESS CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPARATELY) PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ IN A BRIEF EXCHANGE CHARACTERIZED AS "JUSTIFIED" SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NON-ATTENDANCE AT THE FORTHCOMING QUITO OAS MFM. LATER THE SAME DAY, SPEAKING BEFORE A TELEVISION INTERVIEWER, FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES MADE THE SAME POINT, ALSO NOTING THAT "WHAT DR. KISSINGER SAID IN HIS LETTER IS TRUE" -- I.E., THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THE MFM DATE WAS SET; "I REGRET HIS ABSENCE", LUCIO PAREDES SAID, "BUT THOSE ARE THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES". HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON PRESS ACCOUNTS PURPORTING TO EXPLAIN THE SECRETARY'S ABSENCE, CALLING THEM "SPECULATION".

2. BOTH RODRIGUEZ AND LUCIO PAREDES INDICATED THEIR EXPECTATION OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, ONE WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO LATIN AMERICAN UNITY. THEY EMPHASIZED ECUADOR'S PREFERENCE FOR ADHERING TO THE OAS RULES OF THE GAME AND THEIR EXPECTATION THAT, SINCE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WARRANTED THEIR IMPOSITION HAD CHANGED, THE CUBAN SANCTIONS WOULD BE LIFTED,
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